Martin O'Malley Governor Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor

Gary D. Maynard
Secretary

Contact: Mark Vernarelli (410) 339-5065

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DPSCS Statement on the Conviction of Brandon Morris For the Murder of Officer Jeff Wroten

TOWSON, MD (January 18, 2007)---The more than 11,500 employees of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services stand behind the loved ones and coworkers of our dedicated Officer Jeff Wroten during this difficult time in which they have re-lived that terrible day in 2006 when a dedicated officer and devoted father lost his life.

Words cannot express our sympathy and the extent of our loss. Jeff was a fine family man who worked the very shift during which he was killed in order to spend more "daylight" hours of quality time with his children. He also was the embodiment of what a correctional officer is supposed to be: fair, firm, and impartial, but also compassionate and understanding.

We extend our continued support to Jeff's coworkers and loved ones, and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.